

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission  
Special Meeting  
January 25, 2007  
Fish and Game Headquarters  
Boise, Idaho**

Chairman Wheeler called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. with Commissioners Wayne Wright, Gary Power, Tony McDermott, and Alex Irby present. Commissioners Randy Budge and Bob Barowsky were excused.

Chairman Wheeler stated that the purpose for the meeting is to determine what code changes the Department will need to make to enable the Department to issue tags and what the fee will be for the tags when delisting of the species comes about. The Commission must present this proposal to the Legislature by February.

Steve Nadeau, Statewide Large Carnivore Manager, provided a report on the (Appendix 40, Exhibit 23) Idaho Statue that is required to be changed to allow for the sale of a wolf tag. A copy of the current statue (Appendix 40, Exhibit 24) was distributed to the Commission. Mr. Nadeau noted that areas that may need to be addressed or changed are underlined in the document. Commissioners were provided a copy of the Idaho Wolf Conservation and Management Plan (Appendix 40, Exhibit 25).

**Code Changes Needed for wolf tags and auction:**

- **36-409 Game Tags**  
Add Wolf as a tag in the appropriate places in the code.
- **36-416 Schedule of License Fees**  
Treat as big game similar to bear and mountain lion  
Staff recommends raising the fee for lion and bear to \$26.50 the same as prior to 2000 and adding wolf
- **36-408 Special Auction Tags**  
Propose to offer up to 10 tags for auction

**07-26** Commissioner Power moved and Commissioner McDermott seconded a motion to accept the Department recommendation for Idaho Code 36-408 to allow up to 10 special auction tags. The tags will be referred to as Commission tags. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

**07-27** Commissioner Irby moved and Commissioner Wright seconded a motion to accept the Department recommendation to charge \$26.50 for mountain lion, bear and wolf resident fees. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

**07-28** Commissioner Power moved and Commissioner McDermott seconded a motion to increase the nonresident fees for mountain lion, bear and wolf to \$256.00 the same as 1999. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

**07- 29** Commissioner Wright moved and Commissioner Irby seconded a motion to authorize the Department staff to make the suggested recommendations to Idaho Codes 36-409, 36-408 and 36-416 to allow changes in fees structure for wolf tags. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Wright withdrew motion 07-26.

**07- 30** Commissioner Wright moved and Commissioner Irby seconded a motion that the Commission ask the staff upon review by the Director and Legal counsel to put forth the recommended statute changes for 36-409, 36-408 and 36-416 as outlined in the handout. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

### **REPORT**

James Caswell, Director, Office of Species Conservation gave a brief update to the Commission on the State Wolf Plan.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**07- 31** Commissioner Irby moved and Commissioner Power seconded a motion to hold an executive session, pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(b) pertaining to personnel. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

The executive session ended at 6:00 p.m. with no official action taken.

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Cameron Wheeler  
Chairman

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Cal Groen  
Secretary